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Yasuyuki Kachi* (kachi@math.ku.edu), Department of Mathematics, Snow Hall, University of Kansas, 1460 Jayhawk Boulevard, Lawrence, KS 66045-7523. *Birational Equivalence, Linear Systems, and Desingularization.*

In the talk I introduce an object $\mathrm{Spv} X$ which represents the birational equivalence class of an algebraic variety X and which admits a morphism to X . I define $\mathrm{Spv}(X)$ as a certain functor which mimics $\mathrm{Hom}(\mathrm{Spec}(*), X) : (\mathrm{Ring}) \longrightarrow (\mathrm{Set})$. I also define its completion $\mathrm{Spv}^\wedge(X)$, using linear systems, and show that it is the categorical limit of proper models birational to X . In the course it arises a group functor SG_n which is a uniform analog of GL_n and which reflects a composition algorithm of blow-ups. $SG_n(k)$ naturally acts on a certain classifying space of uniformizing parameters $\mathcal{S}_n(k)$. I show that the transitivity of such action is a uniform analog of Cutkosky's factorization theorem. Using SG_n , I also formulate a statement on constructibility of power series and show that it recovers the desingularization of an algebraic variety locally along a valuation. (Received July 29, 2005)